Educating Middle Level Learners in the Middle School



Great Falls, Montana, April 19-20, 2016

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April 19, 2016 – Mansfield	d Ballroom	
9 a.m.	Registration Opens; Coffee and Treats Provided	
10 a.m.	Welcome, Introductions, Middle School Standard 10.55.902(3) Michael Hall and Patty Muir, OPI Accreditation Specialist	
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Kim Campbell	Opening Keynote
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Kim Campbell	If You Can't Manage Them, You Can't Teach Them
Noon – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch – Mansfield Ballroom	
12:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Kim Campbell	Shake, Rattle and Rollhow to motivate and engage middle level learners
2:15 – 2:30 p.m.	Break with Beverages and Snacks	
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Kim Campbell	Engaging BoysYes, It is possible
April 20, 2016 – Mansfield Ballroom		
8:00 – 10 a.m.	Joanie Peterson	Engaging Learners Joint activity with Celebrating Growth in Teaching, Learning, & Leading symposium participants
10 – 10:15 a.m.	Break with Beverages and Snacks	
10:15 a.m. – Noon	Kim Campbell	Just Because the write it down doesn't meant they get it
Noon – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch – Aronson Ballroom	
12:45 – 4:30 p.m.	Montana Middle School Practitioners, Kim Campbell	Facilitated discussions on: Strategies that Support Middle School Education: P.A.C.E., I.C.U., M.T.S.S., and Advisory Activities
		Break with Beverages and Snacks
		Facilitated discussions on: Team Time: Using common planning time in the middle school
		Facilitated discussions on: Motivating Middle School Minds: Exploratories and Interdisciplinary Curriculum
		Synthesis, respond to "Parking Lot" questions, renewal units, conference close



Session Descriptions

If You Can't Manage Them, You Can't Teach Them

Having the ability to manage kids is a must in creating a classroom where all students have an opportunity to learn. Please join me as we discuss practical techniques to implement in your classroom to help create a positive learning climate.

Shake, Rattle, and Roll: Motivating the Middle School Student

Looking for a little "spice" to fire up your students? Want quick, easy activities to engage your class? If so, join me and learn hands-on activities and strategies designed to motivate the middle school student. Activities used in a geography class will be presented but can easily be adapted to any subject matter.

Engaging Boys...Yes, It Is Possible!

71% of discipline referrals in public schools are boys. Join me as we discuss brain development of boys, strategies to engage boys, and ways to motivate boys to be successful in your classroom. Participants will leave with hands-on activities that work with boys...and the girls love them, too!

Just Because They Write It Down, Doesn't Mean They Get It!

Covering your content is one thing...making sure your students understand it is another.

Join me as we discuss quick, engaging, and practical strategies to incorporate into your class so students leave understanding the content, not just hearing the content.

Presenter Biographies

Keynote Speaker

Since 1991, **Kim Campbell** has been a middle level social studies teacher. In her Minnesota metropolitan area school district, Kim augments her classroom role with a position as her school's dean of students. She has also served in various leadership and committee positions, including team leader and a member of the Equity and Literacy Teams. In 2012, she received the Coleen Yatckoske Minnesota Middle Level Educator of the Year honor, as well as being a semifinalist for Minnesota Teacher of the Year in 2004 and a Fox "Top Teacher" in 2009.

Kim is founder and coordinator of a highly-successful after-school program called Students on Academic Rise (S.O.A.R.) developed to address the achievement gap. Her first book, S.O.A.R.: A Handbook for Closing the Achievement Gap, serves as a manual for other school districts to replicate this program that transports students to higher academic performance, self-awareness, self-esteem, and individual responsibility. She is a dynamic presenter and a self-proclaimed "Proud Middle School Teacher" who travels the country energizing educational professionals.

* Kim Campbell, Patty Muir and Michael Hall will facilitate discussions, synthesize content, and focus attention on relevant research and resources through interacting with the Montana-based middle school practitioners and conference attendees during these sessions.

Montana presenters are from:

- Laurel Middle School in Laurel
- Lockwood Middle School in Lockwood
- Sacagawea Middle School in Bozeman



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